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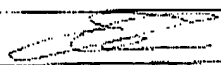

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NOTICE OF APPEAL UNDER 37 CFR §41.31

Sir:

In the Final Office Action dated December 7, 2005, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-15. In response, Applicant hereby appeals to the Board the decision of the Primary Examiner. An Appellant's Brief will be filed within two months from the date of this notice.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$500.00 to Deposit Account 50-0563 (IBM Corporation) for payment of the Notice of Appeal filing fee. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required by this communication to Deposit Account 50-0563 (IBM Corporation).


If any unresolved issues remain, please contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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